

Northwest Regional 4-H Horse Committee March 17, 2018 Minutes

1. **Call to order** 12:37pm
2. **Roll call** What club you are representing and how many 4-H members are interested in attending Focus from your club
3. **Addition to and approval of agenda**
  - a. No additions to the minutes.
  - b. Fay Sperling motioned to approve the agenda, Berit Wagner seconded, motion carried.
4. **Minutes from previous meeting**
  - a. Evelyn Anderson motioned to accept minutes from the previous meeting, Ken Moon seconded, motion carried.
5. **Old business**
  - a. **Interest in level 4-7 activities**
    - i. Sonja Shank talked about reaching out to various coaches to have clinics for those members in 4-7 but she has not yet received any response back. Looking at working to book something for next fall and have a plan in place for the 2018-2019 4-H year.
    - ii. What type of topics would the kids be interested in? Maybe investigate hosting 3 clinics with varying topics throughout the year.
    - iii. Joyce Kelly offered to plan horsemanship clinic in the fall, Berit Wagner offered to plan jumping clinic in the winter, Laurie Maycher will investigate planning a rodeo clinic in the spring. They will come to next meeting with dates, arena fees and a proposal for these clinics.
    - iv. Leslie Majeau proposed to allow level 3 riders come to audit the clinic
    - v. Joyce Kelly motioned, Jean Henderson seconded, all in favour, motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's report**
  - a. **Beginning balance** \$3695.61
  - b. **Ending balance** \$3556.79
    - i. Leslie Majeau moved to accept her report as presented, Loretta Martin seconded, motion carried.
7. **Correspondence**
  - a. None
8. **PEAC Report**
  - a. **Update**
    - i. Corine Verbeek presented the PEAC report
      1. Horsemanship videos are now up online through the 4-H YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/4HAlberta/videos> - website provided does not link, follow this link and search "Horsemanship"
      2. The bit poster is now on website through resources section and can be printed off.
      3. Mounted assessment levels 1-3, 12 rider participants June 15, 16 & 17, 2018 Olds Ag. Pavilion – look for application - opens April 1<sup>st</sup>
      4. Talk to PEAC reps if you have any horse related topics you would like to see at Leader's Conference that they can forward to the organizing committee

5. Corine Verbeek moved her report as presented, Kathleen Linder seconded, motion carried.

**9. New business**

**a. Horse show rules**

- i. *2 Tack I vi "Snaffle bits and bosals are acceptable on junior horses (age 5 and under) or level 1-3 riders only."* Motion put forward to split the rule into two separate lines as follows:
  - a. Snaffle bits are acceptable on junior horses (age 5 and under) and level 1-3 riders only – Corine Verbeek motions to accept, Leslie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
  - b. Bosals are acceptable on junior horses (ages 5 and under) with riders in level 4-7, Kerra Collins motioned, Joyce Kelly seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
    - i. If it is necessary that a horse be ridden in a bosal that is outside of the stated rules for specific reasons, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the horse show committee.
- ii. *2 Tack western i iii "the port of a curb bit must not exceed 3 ½"*
  1. Change to "the port of a curb bit must not exceed 2", Ken Schmuland motions to have rule follow that of the PEAC bit rules, Barrett Wagner seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- iii. *F General Safety barn and hitching rings*
  1. Eliminate the "tied to horse trailer" for safety reasons – discussion followed, many felt it would discourage members from coming as it would become more expensive for members, etc
  2. Berit Wagner motioned to eliminate "tied to horse trailer" from d under F 2 Barns and Hitching Rings, Jean Henderson seconded, none in favor, motion defeated.
- iv. *H English 6 Jumper classes*
  1. Add in that "Horsemanship level 4 is a pre-requisite to enter jumper classes"
  2. Kathleen Linder motioned, Laurie Maycher seconded, all in favour, motion carried.
- v. *J Gymkhana 3 x "Knocking over a barrel or pole will result in a 5 second penalty"*
  1. Discussion brought up about it not being fair as it doesn't follow gymkhana rules and should result in a disqualification
  2. Decided to let the rule stand as is, no motion made
- vi. Leslie Majeau motions to add #20 in under A General Rules "The Northwest Regional Horse Show Committee will follow the rules regarding bits as outlined in the Bit Guidelines set out by PEAC." Kathleen Linder seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

**b. Focus**

**i. New format**

1. They will be cancelling “on command class” and have added keyhole and flag. She asked if high point was still wanted, many said no.

**ii. Job list**

1. Have judges, tack stewards and announcers already
2. Need gymkhana equipment (especially timers) – Berit will talk to Strathcona about getting the timers,
3. Jumping equipment – no one volunteered
4. Trail equipment - Amanda McGregor and Denise Flower
5. Stationary roping – Ken Schmuland
6. Grounds – need someone to operate equipment and work the arenas, RQB offered to help with finding volunteers for that
7. Berit Wagner will e-mail out the gate requirements – be prepared to be given more shifts as we have less members attending

**iii. Sponsorship request**

1. Focus committee put out an overall letter for sponsorship request
2. If you have other sponsors in mind, let Berit Wagner know

**iv. Next meeting**

1. Tentatively, next meeting will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in Thorhild
2. More information will be e-mailed out once they have heard back from the Ag. Society

**c. Education activities**

**i. Horse play**

1. November 3, 2018 Location TBA
2. They will be having a meeting shortly to help prep and choose a location

**ii. Level 4-7 activities**

1. See previous discussion as above under Old Business

**10. Adjournment 2:04pm**